

Remarks

Applicant notes with appreciation that claim 30 is allowed.

Claims 1, 8-15, 19, 22-28, 30 and 34-52 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to recite the second aging step being "in the range of 100°-300°F for 0.25 to 24 hours (basis: spec. pp. 14-15 and original claim 2). Claim 8 has been cancelled. It is submitted that these claims are patentable over the art of record.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 8-15, 19 and 22-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as follows:

Claims 1, 8-15, 19 and 22-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1, lines 13 and 14 (final 2 lines) teach the second aging step being a T7X aging step. This T7X aging step is not taught in the disclosure and even when broadly interpreted to include T73 and T76 tempers, the T8 temper in dependent claim 8 would not fall into the T7X category. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 8 recites the limitation "T8 temper" in line 2. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. Appropriate correction is required.

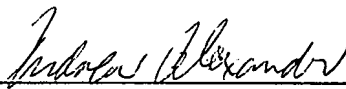
Applicant has cancelled claim 8 and has amended claim 1 to recite "in the range of 100°-300°F for 0.25 to 24 hours".

It is respectfully submitted that these claims are no longer subject to rejection.

In view of the amendments and remarks, the subject application is now in
condition for allowance, and such is requested at an early date.

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